



Com' Concil' tenet in Camera Guibald' Civitat'  
LONDON, die Verris Vicesimo sexto die  
Octobr', Anno Regni Iohanni & Dominae No-  
strorum, WILLELM' I & MARIAE, nunc  
Regis & Reginae, Anglae, &c. Sexto: Coram  
Willielmo Asthurst Mil', Major, Thoma Lane Mil',  
Major' Elect', Roberto Capton Mil', Payene Ward  
Mil', Thoma Stamp Mil', Richard' Lewell Mil',  
Servien ad Legem ac Recordat' dictae Civitatis;  
Humphrido Edwyn Mil', Richardo Levit Mil',  
Jacobo Houlton Mil', Thoma Abney Mil', &  
Willielmo Hedges Mil' & Alderman; Necnon  
Major' parte Communitat' dictae Civitatis in  
eodem Com' Concil' tunc & ibidem Assemblat'.

An ACT for Licensing Carts, to be used by the Freemen,  
Woodmongers or Traders in Fuel, that Inhabit within  
this City and Liberties thereof.

**W**HEREAS there was formerly assigned,  
allowed and appropriated, by the Mayor  
and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City  
of LONDON, unto the Woodmongers  
or Traders in Fuel, inhabiting within the said City  
and the Liberties thereof, a certain Number of  
CARTS

Records that the 420 Carts  
allowed are used for Street  
Carts whereby the Woodmongers  
are disabled to carry on  
their Trade

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CARTS, for carrying of Sea-coals and other Fuel which have been part of the Number of Four hundred and twenty CARS or CARTS allowed, marked and appointed for the General Service of this CITY: But of late years the Number of Inhabitants being greatly increased, and by reason thereof the necessary use of Street-Cars or Carts is much increased also; and therefore all the said Four hundred and Twenty Cars have been used only for Street-Cars and Carts, whereby the Woodmongers and Traders in FUEL, within this City and the Liberties thereof, are in great measure Disabled to Manage and Carry of their said Trade and Employments; the which They have humbly represented unto this COURT & Common Council, and prayed Relief therein.

The 420 Carts to be so far increased as may be necessary to enable the Woodmongers the better to supply the Buyers with coal

And this COURT having taken the same into Serious Consideration, do find it necessary to Increase the said Number of Four hundred and twenty Cars and Carts, so allowed and appointed as aforesaid, so far as may be necessary for the said Woodmongers or Dealers in Fuel, only for the Management and Carrying on their said Trades and Employments; and also for Enabling them to furnish the Citizens and other Inhabitants of this City and Liberties with COALS and other Fuel, at as cheap and easie Rate and Prices, as They or any Others may or can.

120 Carts to be allowed for the sole use of the Woodmongers other than the 420 used as Street Carts

Be it Enacted therefore by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons in Common Council assembled, and by the Authority of the same, that there shall be allowed, marked and appointed, to and for the sole use and Employment of the WOODMONGERS or Traders in FUEL, (being Freemen, and Inhabiting within the City of London and the Liberties thereof, and no other) a fitting and convenient Number of CARS and CARTS



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CARTS, not exceeding One hundred and twenty, other than and besides the aforesaid Number of Four hundred and twenty CARS and CARTS, now used as Street Cars and Carts, as aforesaid:

*120 Carts for the Woodmongers*

The which Cars and Carts so to be allowed, marked and appointed, shall be appropriate unto them the said Woodmongers or Traders in FUEL, for the sole Use, Management and Carrying on the said Trade or Imployment of Woodmongers or Dealers in Fuel only; and shall be divided and distributed to and amongst them from time to time, as may be most convenient for them, and least to the Annoyance and Obstruction of the Publick Streets and Passages of this City and the Liberties thereof; Iny Act of Common Council, or other Law, Statute or Custom of this City now in being and in force, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

*To be employed by the Woodmongers for the sole use of their Trade only*

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said CARS and CARTS so to be allowed, marked and appointed by virtue of this Act, shall not be, nor taken or esteemed to be Appertenant to the several and respective Wharfs or Wharfs, to which the same or any of them are or shall be so allowed or appointed; nor shall be sold or disposed of by such or any other the Woodmongers or Traders in FUEL, in any manner howsoever.

*Not to be appertenant to the Wharfs to which the same shall be assigned nor sold by the Woodmongers*

And that the Cars and Carts so to be allowed and appointed to the said Woodmongers or Traders in Fuel, shall be burnt with a raggot-mark on both the outsides thereof, and shall have also thereupon a piece of Brass, with the true Number of such Cars or Carts; and the Raves thereof shall be higher than the Raves of the Street Cars and Carts, to keep the Fuel the safer from falling off and hurting the People

*To be marked and numbered*

People in the Streets, and also the better to distinguish them from the said other CARS and CARTS

And that the said Wharf-Carts nor Cars, nor any of them, shall Work in the Streets in any other Work than only in Carrying of Coals and other Fuel, to and from the respective Wharfs, belonging to such Persons, to whom the said Cars or Carts shall be respectively allowed; upon pain, That for every time such Wharf-Car or Cart shall Work, or be otherwise Employed for Wages, Hire or Reward, the Owner of the said Car or Cart shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Five Pounds.

And all and every the LICENSES that shall be given to any such Woodmonger and Trader in FUEL, whose Cart or Cars shall be so Used and Employed, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this present Act, shall from thence be suspended till such respective Penalty or Penalties shall be paid and satisfied: And every Person so offending, shall (till the said respective Sums be paid) be Disabled to Work any of his said Cars or Carts, notwithstanding any License or Licenses to such Person or Persons, granted by virtue of this Act.

And for the better putting this ACT in due Execution, and for the more equal and impartial Distribution of the said Wharf-Cars or Carts, to and amongst the said Woodmongers or Traders in FUEL, with due respect to the several and respective Customs and Decisions in the said respective Trades: Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Right Honourable Sir Thomas Lane Knight, Lord Mayor Elect, Sir Thomas Scamp Knight, Sir James Houbton and Sir Francis Child, Knights and Aldermen of this City; and Mr. Caddon, Mr. Deputy Eyre, Mr.

To be employed only in the Carriage of Coals or other goods to the person to whom allowed and not to work for hire under penalty

To be suspended till paid

Disabled to work

Appoints a Committee to distribute & find wharfs in the wharf carts



Mr. Richier, Mr. Dorvill, M. Houlton, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Deputy Tooty and Mr. Deputy Collet, Commissioners, or any five of them whereof an Alderman to be One, are by this COURT of Common Council made and appointe a Committee, with Directions, full Power and Authority, by virtue of this ACT, to take Care of the Darking, Alloweing and Appointing fit and convenient Wharf Cars and Carts, and to Divide, Distribute and Appoint the same to and amongst all and every the Woodmongers and Dealers in Fuel, as aforesaid, within the City and Liberties thereof, desisting the same, by them to be Employed and used in, and for carrying out and bying in their FUEL, according to the true intent and meaning of this present ACT: And also take due Care from time to time, that the Coals and Fuel by such Woodmongers and Dealers in Fuel, sold and Delivered to all and every Person and Persons within this City and Liberties thereof, shall contain the full and Due Measure, Weight, Size and Sale, and that the same be sold and Delivered at reasonable Rates and Prices from time to time; And also to prevent all frauds and Deceits in the Sale and Delivery thereof; and all Abuses, Disturbances and Obstructions by such Cars or Carts in the Streets and publick Passages, in this City and Liberties thereof; And to appoint such Person and Persons as to them shall appear necessary to Inspe and Oversee, that the said Wharf Cars be duly Darked and Employed to the Uses aforesaid; and that no fraud or Deceit be done or committed, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this ACT: And the said COMMITTEE shall and may continue until the 25th Day of December next ensuing, or until a New Committee shall be Chosen, and so from Year to Year, and every Year afterwards.

*Committee to Inspect Affairs in the Coal Trade*

*Appoints a person to make the Carts*

*And Committee to be Chosen yearly*

And

Coals to be sent home to  
Buyers in Sea Coals  
Moor's Sacks & marked  
by the Hall Roop.

Dealers when they send  
home Coals to carry a  
sealed In. Sack with  
them

If sent home in other  
Sacks & without a  
Bushel to forfeit 20.

Committee yearly to give  
an Att. to Court of Aldermen  
what Number to whom  
the Coals are disposed

And for the more certain avoiding of such Deceit  
hereafter, as divers Persons have heretofore practised  
in the Sale and Measure of their COALS:  
Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid,  
That all Sea-coals hereafter to be sold and vended  
by Retail, by any person or persons whatsoever, shall  
be fill'd and brought home to the Buyers in the  
Seacoal-Meeters Sacks, & such other Sacks as contain  
the full Measure of 11 Seacoal-Meeters Sacks; and  
are and shall be Marked by the Keeper of the Guild-  
Hall for the time being, according to an ORDER of  
the Court of Aldermen made the 25th of October,  
in the time of the Majesty of Sir Thomas Cambell  
Knight, deceased.

And that all persons and persons attending or at-  
tending Sea-coals by Wharf and every Carman, his  
Servant or Agent, shall hereafter from time to  
time, and at all times when they Carry or Send  
abroad any Coals within this City of London &  
Liberties thereof, carry along in their Carts or Cars,  
together with their Sea-coals a good and lawful Bushel  
Sealed, according to the Bushel in the Guild-Hall  
allowed for Measuring Sea-coals, which agreeth with  
the Fact, anciently used in Measuring of Sea-coals.

And if any person or persons shall bring Home in  
his or their Cart or Carts any Buyer, any Coals in  
any other Sack or Sacks, and without such Bushel, as  
are before mentioned and appointed: such persons so  
Offending, shall forfeit and pay Twenty shillings for  
the first, and every next Offence respectively.

And that it may the better appear what Number of  
Wharf-Cars or Carts shall be appointed and allowed  
for Wharf-service, as aforesaid, and to whom the said  
Committee, now or hereafter to be appointed, or any  
five of them (whereof one to be an Alderman) shall  
Yearly, in the Month of May, present unto the Lord  
Mayor



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Mayor and Court of Aldermen of this City (if there, unto required,) a true Catalogue and List fairly written, under their Hands, expressing both when and to whom such Wharf-Carts are disposed of from time to time.

And be it farther Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any such Woodmongers or Traders in FUEL, as aforesaid, shall at any time after the First Day of December next ensuing, presume to Colour any Cart or Carts within the said City and Liberties, by himself or Merchant, not being duly allowed, marked and appointed, as aforesaid; such person or persons, for every time so offending, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Five pounds, to be recovered and obtained as is hereafter mentioned.

*Woodmongers working any  
Carts not allowed to forfeit  
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And that every of the said Woodmongers or Traders in FUEL, keeping and working any such Wharf Cart or Carts, so to be allowed, marked and appointed, as aforesaid, by virtue of this present Act; shall from time to time duly observe all and every such reasonable Orders and Rules as shall be directed and appointed by this COURT, or such Committee so chosen and appointed, as aforesaid.

*Woodmongers to observe such  
Orders as shall be appointed*

And forasmuch as great Disorders and Disturbances have hapned and arisen amongst the Common Carmen, who Colour the aforesaid Four hundred and twenty Street-Carts about their Turns, in Carriage of Merchandize and other Goods, (viz) Which of them shall have Priority, and take up and had the first and next Load of Goods after or before each other; whereof several Merchants and others have made Complaint to this COURT, and that they have been Sufferers thereby: Therefore for Remedy thereof for the future, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Merchants and other Tradesmen having any Occasion for any Street Cart or Carts, shall and may use and employ which and such of them as he or they shall think fit, and

*Mention the Disorders abt  
the Street Cart Turns*

*Merchants may take note  
of them they please*

and chuse, for carrying of every such first, next, or other Load or Loads, as he or they shall from time to time upon such Occasion direct or appoint; any Law or Usage to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

*Penalties to be sued for in the Mayor's Court in the Name of the Chamberlain*

*Half to the Informer & half to the City*

*Chamberlain to have Costs if he recover & if not to have Cost if award pass for him*

*Ex. with the original in the Journal at Guildhall 23<sup>th</sup> Mar. 1728. R. W. C.*

And, Lastly, it is hereby Enacted and Ordained by the Authority aforesaid, That all Pains, Penalties and Forfeitures; in and by this Act limited and appointed, shall and may be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill or Information, in the Name of the Chamberlain of this City; for the time being, in Their Majesties Court, holden before the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the said City, in the Over Chamber of the Guild Hall; and upon Recovery of the same, one Moiety thereof, after all Charges expended in such Recovery, shall by the Chamberlain be aid to the Informer or Prosecutor of such Suit; and the other Moiety to the use of the Mayor and Community, and Citizens of this City.

In all which Suits to be brought by virtue of this Act, the Chamberlain shall (in case he do recover) be allowed his Costs and Charges, expended in and about the same. And if Judgment shall happen to be given against the Plaintiff in any such Suit, or such Suits shall be discontinued, then the Defendant shall also Recover his Costs.

*Goodfellow.*

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